

Prince of Wales's Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) - Great War Service

1st Battalion Leinster Regiment

When war was declared on 4th August 1914 the 1st Battalion of the Leinster Regiment were based in Fyzabad, India. The battalion sailed from Bombay to the UK on 16th October 1914 landing at Plymouth on 16th November 1914. It then travelled to Morne Hill, Winchester to join the 82nd Brigade, 27th Division. On 20th December 1914 the Battalion land at Havre in France. On 26th November 1915 the battalion embarked at Marseilles, landing at Salonika on 11th December 1915. On 2nd November 1916 it joined the 29th Brigade, 10th Division. The battalion left Salonika on 14th September 1917 and landed at Alexandria four days later. On 31st October 1918 the battalion was part of the 29th Brigade, 10th Division near Nablus in Palestine.

2nd Battalion Leinster Regiment

On the outbreak of war the 2nd Battalion of the Leinster Regiment was stationed in Cork as part of the 17th Brigade, 6th Division. On 18th August 1914 the battalion moved to Cambridge and then to Newmarket before landing at St Nazaire in France on 12th September 1914. On 14th October 1915 the 17th Brigade transferred to the 24th Division at Reninghelst and on five days later the battalion transferred to the 73rd Brigade, 24th Division. On 1st December 1918 the battalion transferred to the 47th Brigade, 16th Division at Tincourt and absorbed personnel from the disbanded 7th Battalion. On 13th April 1918 the battalion absorbed a further 5 officers and 281 men from 6th Connaught Rangers when it was reduced to a cadre. On 23rd April 1918 the battalion was transferred to the 88th Brigade, 29th Division. It remained part of this unit until the end of the war at which time the battalion was west of Lessines, Belgium.

3rd (Reserve) Battalion Leinster Regiment

On the outbreak of the war the 3rd (Reserve Battalion) of the Leinster Regiment was stationed in Birr, County Offaly, Ireland. On 8th August 1914 the battalion moved to Cork where it remained until November 1917 when it travelled to England and became part of the Portsmouth Garrison. In May 1918 the 3rd (Reserve) Battalion absorbed the 4th (Extra Reserve) Battalion and the 5th (Extra Reserve) Battalion.

4th (Extra Reserve) Battalion Leinster Regiment

On 4th August 1914 the 4th (Extra Reserve) Battalion of the Leinster Regiment was stationed at Maryborough, County Cork, Ireland. Three days later it moved to Crosshaven, Cork Harbour and in November 1914 to Passage West, Cork Harbour. In May 1915 the battalion moved to England and was stationed in Devonport. In September 1915 it returned to Ireland and saw service at the Curragh, Limerick (April 1916) and Tralee (August 1917). In November 1917 the battalion returned to England and was stationed in Dover until it was absorbed by the 3rd Battalion at Portsmouth in May 1918.

5th (Extra Reserve) Battalion Leinster Regiment

On 4th August 1914 the 5th (Extra Reserve) Battalion of the Leinster Regiment was stationed at Drogheda, County Louth, Ireland. Three days later the battalion moved to Queenstown (now Cobn), near Cork, Ireland. In October 1914 the battalion moved to Passage West, Cork Harbour and in May 1915 it moved to England and was stationed in Plymouth. The battalion returned to Ireland. Sept. 1915 returned to Ireland, to Mullingar in County West Meath as part of the 25th Reserve Brigade. The battalion stayed in Ireland, stationed at The Curragh (April 1916), Laytown near Drogheda (June 1917), Boyle (August 1917) and Birr (September 1917) before moving to Glencourse, near Edinburgh, Scotland in November 1917. In May 1918 the 5th (Extra Reserve) Battalion was absorbed by 3rd Battalion at Portsmouth.

6th (Service) Battalion Leinster Regiment

The 6th (Service) Battalion of the Leinster Regiment was formed at Dublin in August 1914 as part of Kitchener's New Army. The following month it moved to Fermoy and then to The Curragh as part of the 29th Brigade, 10th Division. In October 1914 the battalion moved to Birr, then back to

The Curragh (February 1915) before sailing to England in May 1915, being stationed in Basingstoke, Hampshire. On 9th July 1915 the battalion sailed from Liverpool arriving Mudros, on the small Greek island of Lemnos, on 26th July 1915. Mudros was only a staging post and on 5th August 1915 the battalion arrived at Anzac, the 29th Brigade being at time attached to the Australian and New Zealand Corps. On 29th September 1915 the battalion returned to Mudros en route to Salonika. It remained in Salonika until 14th September 1917 when it left for Egypt, arriving in Alexandria five days later. In May 1918 the battalion left the 10th Division and travelled from Port Said for France, arriving in Marseilles on 1st June 1918. It was briefly part of the 14th Division (7th to 19th June 1918) and then the 34th Division (19th to 28th June 1918) before being transferred to the 198th Brigade, 66th Division on 20th July 1918. The 6th (Service) Battalion of the Leinster Regiment was disbanded at Abancourt, France on 12th September 1918.

7th (Service) Battalion Leinster Regiment

The 7th (Service) Battalion of the Leinster Regiment was formed at Fermoy, County Cork, Ireland in October 1914 as part of Kitchener's New Army. It was part of the 47th Brigade, 16th Division. In January 1915 the battalion moved to Kilworth, County Cork and in September 1915 it arrived in England and was stationed at Blackdown. On 18th December 1915 the battalion landed at Havre, France. It remained in France until disbanded at Tincourt on 14th December 1918 at which point personnel were transferred to the 2nd Battalion of the Leinster Regiment and the 19th Entrenching Battalion.

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